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Halmgasse 1/6

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American Numismatic Society
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New-York

Gentleman,

Enclosed please find my Coin-Collection
consisting of 34 pieces, amongst which
there are probably some rare species of coins.

Before giving you the reason of forwarding
the same to you, I kindly beg you to lend
ear to the following:
I was, before the war: Head Clerk (manager),
at present: Invalid (consumption, besides suffering
from heart disease and malaria) destitute,
unemployed, every moment expecting to be
buried in bed.

My dear wife is working herself to death
by doing hard out-door work, just for the
sake of keeping absolute ruin away from
us. No lodging! - just a bedstead to sleep on!
"At home" - what we can call a "home" -
another human being is sharing our fate:
Our beloved Baby, - a little Boy of scarcely
two weeks!

The exorbitant prices ruling at present
do not allow to get some fuel or food
for us; the most time we are obliged to
live on remains of dinner. Kindly
people sometimes reserve for us; generally
we live on water and bread, the Com-
munity is starving.

Impossible to describe our grief and sorrows
to any one.

Whenever I rise from my bed I am trying
over and over again to find a job,

But in vain! Too many are seeking
for jobs; but very seldom they do find
employment or commerce to at all an
absolutely standstill.

In spite of my all-round knowledge
and academically education, I am the
more in a disadvantage on account
of my serious illness and my defective
appearance.

My books especially are in such a bad
state, that I am ashamed to show my-
self on the street.

I am therefore sending you my collection
of coins with the instant request to
help me! With about \$10. -- 15. --
you would greatly help to restore myself
once more!!!

In spite of the distress I am in together
with my family, I do not venture
to beg as somebody just accepting
something but I am offering you
my coins, which will surely be
of some interest to you or to some
members of your association or
of your esteemed family or acquaint-
ances.

Should the value of the coins be con-
sidered by you higher, the better for me;
if on the contrary you think them
lower in value as \$10. -- 15. -- I would
gladly select another set so that you in
any case would have the full equi-
valent.

So if you are willing to send me relief

I must heartily beg you not to hesitate
as in my case quick help is double
help!

My to-days request sincerely and
unselfish at the same time involves
my very last hope!

Pray do consider the case of a whole
family standing alone, with under-
fed babies and the last remains
of clothing - rather rags - every
moment liable to fall in ruins!

My statement is nothing but the
truth and can be proved authen-
tically by documents.

Full of hope and expecting you
will accept enclosed selection and
by that not destroying our very
very last hope, we beg to remain,

Gentlemen,
with the most heartiest thanks,
in anticipation,
very truly
Yours

Family Anton Max Ruzicka
Wien II (Fleissner)
Austria
Stalngasse 1/6.

Enclosed:
34 Coins

Kindly send relief
per registered letter
(Bank-notes or cheque)

June 28th, 1921

M. Anton M. Ruzicka
Wien, II
Halmgasse 1/6, Austria

Dear Sir:

Mr. Newell wishes me to express sympathy for you and your family, but he has had a number of calls from people in Austria and he feels that he can only help those whom he knows personally. The coins are being sent back to you.

Deeply regretting that we are unable to help you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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